

Please amend the following claims 1, 3-14, and add 16-18 as follow.

b2 1. (Amended) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one anti-stretchmark agent selected from the group consisting of fermented soya peptides, tripeptides consisting of the amino acids glycine, histidine, and lysine, and mixtures of the fermented soya peptides and tripeptides.

3. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-stretchmark agent is selected from the group consisting of the fermented soya peptide Phytokine®, the tripeptide Kollaren-CPP®, and mixtures of the fermented soya peptide and tripeptide.

4. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of anti-stretchmark agent is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

b3 5. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid.

6. (Amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid is lactic acid.

7. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the proportion of  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

8. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises lactic acid.

9. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.